d) removing at least part of the air stream from the blower; and

e) directing the blower air stream to the fire by means of the output port.

2. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprises providing the blower with a blower housing, the step of removing the air stream comprises removing the air stream from the housing before the blower output port.

3. (Amended) The method of Claim 2, further comprises providing a Y-shaped valve which has an input leg and two output legs and wherein the step of removing comprises mixing the part of air stream and the engine exhaust before the input port of the Y-shaped valve; and directing the mixed air stream and engine exhaust into the input port of the Y-shaped valve.

4. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprises providing valve means, and diverting the part of the air stream and engine exhaust by the valve means.

5. (Amended) The method of Claim 4, wherein the step of diverting comprises tapping into the blower housing before the blower output port; the step of diverting the engine exhaust includes mixing the exhaust with the part of the air stream and conveying the mixed stream and engine exhaust through the valve means.

6. (Amended) The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of diverting further comprises directing, by the valve means, the mixed air and engine exhaust by the valve means alternatively to the blower output port and outwardly as an exhaust stream removed from the air stream being propelled from the blower output port.

7. (Amended) A method of providing a controlled or backfire, comprising the steps of

a) starting a fire;

b) providing a device capable of producing an air stream;

c) producing the air stream by means of the device;

d) directing the air stream at the fire, and

e) causing the fire to spread in a controlled manner.

8. (Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein the step of causing the fire to spread in a controlled manner comprises directing the fire toward an ongoing uncontrolled fire.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprises providing an air output hose; directing the air stream with the air output hose.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprises providing a blower driven by an engine and creating the air stream by the blower engine.

11. (Amended) A valve comprising:

a) an input port and at least two output ports;

b) a planar valve member for selectively diverting gas into one of said two output ports;

c) said planar valve member pivotally connected at the junction of said inlet and two exhaust outlet; and

d) means for pivotally moving said planar valve member from a first position to a second position to selectively block the flow of the gas between said first or second exhaust output ports.

12. (Amended) The device of Claim 11, further comprising a valve rod and a pivot pin; said valve rod is pivotally connected to said pivot pin, said valve rod extending from said pin for manipulating said valve.

13. (Amended) The device of Claim 12, further where in said valve member comprises a shutter body and the device further comprising a cable attached to said valve rod for moving said shutter body between said first and second positions.

14. (Amended) The device of Claim 13, wherein said [inlet] input port and exhaust output ports are joined by a substantially Y-shaped valve and said device further comprises guide means secured to said pipe for guiding said cable.

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15. (Amended) A device of the type for extinguishing fires, starting backfires or a control burn, comprising:

a) engine and blower means, said engine means operating said blower means to create an air stream;

b) an air output hose for directing said air stream at the fire; and

c) at least one hose for selectively diverting the exhaust into said air stream.

16. (Amended) The device of claim 15, further comprises a pipe; said hose comprises an exhaust delivery hose and an exhaust output hose connected to said pipe, said exhaust delivery hoses connected to said pipe and said air blower means proximate said air output hose.

17. (Amended) A device according to Claim 16 wherein,

said pipe comprises an exhaust inlet, an exhaust outlet and an exhaust bypass, and

a valve for selectively diverting the exhaust into said exhaust outlet or exhaust bypass.

20. (Amended) The device of claim 19, further comprises a valve rod secured to said pivot pin and extending without said pipe.

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21. (Amended) The pipe of claim 20, further comprises a cable attached to said valve rod for moving said valve shutter body from a first position, blocking the exhaust outlet to a second position blocking the exhaust bypass.

22. (Amended) The pipe of claim 23, further comprises a bracket attached to said pipe, said bracket having a guide for said cable.

23. (Amended) The pipe of claim 22, wherein said bracket is attached to said exhaust bypass.

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25. The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of mixing reduces the exterior temperature of housing parts of the blower and of the engine making the device safer to use.

26. The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of mixing comprises increasing the velocity of the mixed air and engine exhaust to thereby propel unsafe exhaust gases away from the user.

27. The method of Claim 5, where in the step of directing the mixed air and engine exhaust to the blower output port comprises increasing the output velocity of the gas stream from the blower output port for more efficient operation.